



Office of Advocacy  
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# U.S. Department of Energy Worker Advocacy Program

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The Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (PL 106-398, Title 36) gives the Department of Energy (DOE) key responsibilities.

## Outreach and Claims Assistance

Joint Department of Energy and Department of Labor Resource Centers at major DOE sites and other activities will locate potential applicants, educate them about the program, and help workers and their families file claims.

## Worker Records

Resource Center and DOE Office of Advocacy staff will work closely with records staff at DOE field offices to obtain employment, exposure and medical records needed to file and support claims.

## State Workers' Compensation

For DOE workers with illnesses that are caused by toxic exposures at work and not covered by the Department of Labor program,<sup>1</sup> the law sets up an alternative route to compensation through state workers' compensation programs.

## Medical Panels

For these workers, expert occupational physicians selected by the Department of Health and Human Services will review medical and exposure records to determine if a worker's illness is caused by toxic exposures at DOE sites. If the answer is yes, the DOE Office of Advocacy will help the worker submit a claim for state workers' compensation. Valid claims will be accepted by DOE contractors under state compensation laws.

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<sup>1</sup> The new Department of Labor program covers workers who are ill with certain radiation-related cancers, beryllium disease, or silicosis.